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Parents protest

Move to fire educator sparks synagogue row

A motion calling for the immediate dismissal of Rabbi Ben Hollander as director of the Beth Tzedec Synagogue's department of youth and education, has been deferred by the board of governors in the face of vigorous support of the rabbi on the part of many parents.

Instead of adopting the motion which had been approved by the board's executive, 11-4, last week, the governors postponed action

until after a congregational meeting to be held Sun., Feb. 13. At this time the synagogue's entire membership will vote on whether Rabbi Hollander's contract should be renewed or terminated.

President Jack Friedman is reported to have told the meeting, "Rabbi Rosenberg did not fire Hollander. If he is to be fired, he will be fired by the board."

Another member was heard to say, "the

issue is not Hollander or anyone else. The issue is the education of our children."

A battle, long brewing beneath the surface, came to the attention of the community this week with the publication of a display advertisement in *The Globe and Mail* and *The Toronto Star*. It expressed the parents' sincere gratitude to Rabbi Hollander "for his dedication and devotion to our children. We look forward to his continuing guidance and leadership in his present position."

It was in this fashion that the public became aware of a deep division on matters affecting educational philosophy, budget, lines of authority and personality which had been troubling the synagogue for the past year.

The recommendation to fire Rabbi Hollander was referred to the board of governors for their approval at a meeting on Mon., Jan. 23.

Rabbi Hollander is employed on a two-year contract which does not expire until next June. The Rabbi is a 35 year old native of Mount Vernon, New York, who received a Master's degree in English from Bucknell University in Pennsylvania. In 1968, he was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary. After service in a pulpit in Pelham, N.Y. and as rabbi in charge of education and youth at the Park Ave. synagogue in New York City, he came to Toronto in August, 1970.

No specific charges were aired at Monday night's meeting in the youth chapel other than that Rabbi Hollander refused to acknowledge the authority of the board of governors in the matter of education policies.

This charge was denied by Rabbi Hollander in a statement read at the meeting. It was largely the absence of specific charges which led several of the governors to question the propriety of the motion to dismiss and brought approval of the motion to lay the matter before the congregation.

Approximately 300 parents attended the Monday night meeting of the board. Synagogue by-laws did not permit them to participate in the discussion. The defence of Rabbi Hollander was offered by two parents who are also governors, Al Gellman and Greta Greisman. Gellman is president of the recently formed Beth Tzedec Parents for Youth and Education. The body was termed by Nathan Hurwich, chairman of the board as "illegitimate and not part of the congregation's structure" in a telephone conversation with CJN.

Continuous efforts were made by *The Canadian Jewish News* to cover the meetings. However, a staff reporter and photographer were both expelled from the meetings although hundreds of parents and children surged through the building. Some of these were not congregational members.

Efforts to obtain statements from synagogue officials were frustrated. Nathan Hurwich, chairman of the board would comment only, "The synagogue is a private organization and we will try to handle the matter ourselves. We do not believe that publicity can help."

President Friedman voiced a similar view. "I regard this as an internal matter for the board, the rabbis and the membership to resolve. I have no statement to make."

Efforts to reach Rabbis Rosenberg and Hollander also failed.



Members of the Beth Tzedec Parents for Youth and Education hear president Al Gellman review synagogue controversy over education. Parents later attended a meeting of the board of governors where the issue was debated. Photo for CJN by Brian Willer

Proposes body to probe UJWF-Congress schism

By PAUL OGDEN
CJN Staff Reporter

David Satok, recently elected chairman of the Central Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress, has proposed the establishment of a commission to investigate the schism between that body and the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

There has been an ongoing controversy between the two groups over control of certain funds and services.

"This commission would hear representations from the various interested organizations and individuals in the community and, I hope, would be chaired by a prominent member of our community who would have the respect of, and be acceptable to all sides," he told a regional council meeting last week at the Associated Hebrew Schools.

If this proposal were adopted, he continued, the names of the proposed chairman and members of the commission would be brought before the regional council for its approval by the next meeting.

Satok lauded the Welfare Fund for its work as a fund raising element in the community and noted the many shared and mutual interests between the two groups.

"But," he said, "I did not become chairman of Central Region in order to preside over the liquidation of the Canadian Jewish Congress."

"I regard my choice to be chairman," he declared, "as a commitment by those involved not to press the issues involved - by either side - at this time, so as to avoid a serious and harmful split in the community, and also so as to enable all of us to tackle whatever valid questions are raised... calmly, dispassionately, cooperatively, in a spirit of trying together to assess the problems of the community and find the answers."

The election of officers, chairmen of standing committees and members at large of the region was announced at the meeting.

Elected vice-chairmen of the region were: Milton Harris, Mrs. Abe Levine, David E. Newman and a designate of the Hamilton Council of Jewish Organizations. J. Sydney Midanik and Saul Koschitzky were elected secretary and treasurer respectively.

Jersusalem police use clubs to disperse Black Panthers

By SOL I. LITTMAN

There was a sudden glare of television lights. Jerusalem policemen, their yard long leather white batons gleaming in the light, came charging across the road. Equipped with riot helmets and plastic shields, they waded into a group of about 20 Israeli Black Panthers who had gathered in a vacant lot opposite the Binyei Ha'ooma (Palace of the Nations) where the 28th Zionist Congress opened in Jerusalem on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Earlier in the evening, when approximately 20 Panthers appeared holding placards, the police had trained water cannons on them. Time and again, the dwindling group of Panthers regathered only to be dispersed again. Each time, police dragged off some of the demonstrators in their paddy wagons.

By the time I arrived to report on the opening session of the congress, their numbers had dwindled and they had retreated to a rocky debris-filled site. Defiantly, they

raised their placards again. Riot police crossed the street, their batons waving in the glare of the T.V. lights, trained on the demonstrators. Police clubs flailed, striking heads and bodies. Those holding placards were wrestled to police wagons by uniformed and plainclothes police officers.

An American student, in a high state of excitement, began reporting on the evening's events to Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, who was on his way into the Binyei Ha'ooma. He stated "Rabbi, as an ardent Zionist, I suddenly feel ashamed that this could happen in the land of Israel. I never expected to see Israeli policemen behave with such brutality. I am concerned that the Arab nations may seize on events such as these for their own propaganda purposes."

Hertzberg, an internationally celebrated scholar and author of *The Zionist Idea* and member of the executive of the World Zionist Organization, pressing for details commented, "Why should they be prevented from

demonstrating in the first place? That is the basic question."

There was a second flurry of activity as a number of young Israelis, objecting to the policemen's behavior, began shouting insults. This precipitated another charge by the police, which sent everyone, demonstrators, congress delegates and newsmen, flying as police clubbed people indiscriminately. An old man who lay sprawling on the ground was protected by one policeman from further injury, as his fellow officers charged past, their faces distorted with rage. He shouted at them in Hebrew, "Watch who the hell you're hitting!"

A double file of police in full riot-regalia, held in reserve behind metal police barriers, were berated by a number of reporters who claimed to have covered major demonstrations in the U.S., including the Chicago police riot. One stated that he had never seen such brutal behavior by police with so little provocation. One of the policemen, standing



Davis "breaks bagel"

Premier William Davis, sampling bagel, announced that Ontario will continue its policy of non-support to private schools, including Jewish parochial institutions at Speaker of the Year B'nai B'rith breakfast at the Noshery. Photo by Brian Willer.

Levesque revises view on Soviet Union Jews

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

Rene Levesque, outspoken leader of the separatist Parti Quebecois, wrote an "hon-

Warn Latin Jews

JERUSALEM (JTA) -

A warning to South American Jews to prepare to migrate to Israel before it is too late was issued by World Zionist executive chairman Louis A. Pincus in his keynote speech to the opening session of the 28th World Zionist Congress.

"In this world of social and economic conflict, no far-seeing Jew can deny that the Zionist solution is the only answer," Pincus stated. He said he did not want to "raise the cry of catastrophe too soon or too extremely," but added, "our history showed that when social and economic crises arise in any country the most vulnerable element is the Jewish minority."

Pincus referred to the recent social and economic upheavals in several Latin American countries where, he noted, Jews were free in contrast to Jews in the Soviet Union and Arab countries. Pincus chided the leaders of Latin American Jewry for not pressing for aliya.

ourable retraction" to the Jewish community last week, in his daily column published in the French-language newspaper, *le Montreal Matin*.

Entitled *The Star of David*, Levesque said documentation provided by Alan Rose, assistant director of Canadian Jewish Congress, "proves the situation of the Jews in Soviet Russia is far from being as heavenly as Mr. Kosygin would want us to believe".

The party leader issued a retraction to the position he maintained during Soviet Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin's visit to Canada last October. "Our Jewish friends," he wrote at the time, "will have to come up with a convincing argument" to Kosygin's statements that a disproportionate number of Jews in Russia are the cream of the U.S.S.R.

In his October article, Levesque maintained that the anti-Semitism expressed by the Russians is no greater than the anti-Semitism experienced by Jews at the hands of other nationalities, and that synagogues are treated with the same respect as any other religious institution.

"The fate of the Soviet Jews is far from being the most tragic" - when one compares the plight of the "really damned of the earth", he wrote.

In a recent column, Levesque illustrated a noticeable change in opinion, saying that "anti-Semitism has had a rebirth" - attributing the Soviet Union's proximity to the Arab world as the cause.

In normal times Jews would endure anything because of the lack of "an assured homeland anywhere in this world. But the creation of Israel has heightened every Jew by at least two inches.

"The cultural annihilation" of Soviet Jews still persists," declared the former Quebec cabinet minister, pointing out that for three million Jews there is no school where Yiddish is spoken, only 90 synagogues, one newspaper published three times a week, and only one cultural review.

"They want in great numbers, if not in the majority, to live again and blossom culturally."

He considers Soviet Jews are living in a paradox, for if they want to be Russian Jews they are met by the "negative traditions inherited by Stalin", and if they want to assimilate, they are prevented by the "infamous Jewish Nationality acts".

He wrote that Jews wanting to immigrate to Israel are prevented by the same restrictions maintained for "all its citizens". Levesque wrote that the disparities imposed by the Soviet Union on Jews, remind him of the Star of David employed by Nazi Germany - "to identify and isolate a 'strange body'".

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Organizations and People



Willie Rosengarten (left) and David Goldberg, co-chairmen of the Trades & Professions Council of the 1972 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign are seen here with campaign chairman Phil Granovsky (right) as they listen to reports of the canvass in their division. Leaders of the Trades & Professions Council meet regularly at 8:30 a.m. on Mondays to discuss the progress of the campaign. The photo was taken at a recent meeting. Some 25 trades and professions make up the Council, with each group headed by its own co-chairmen.

Worshippers revel in 'rock'

By TOVA GREENBERG

As far as Cantor Sheldon Merel and the kids in his choir are concerned their Friday night Folk Rock Service was a success, not only musically but spiritually.

Judging from the responsive faces of Holy Blossom's congregation, they had every reason to be proud.

For the third year in a row these young people with their young-minded cantor have taken the musical style of today and, synthesizing it with the traditional text of Jewish

prayers, have captured the enthusiasm of the worshippers.

Continuing the Jewish legacy of interpretive worship relevant to the times, Cantor Merel has encouraged this unorthodox practice, justifying it by pointing to innovators among the Chassidic Jew, the Yemenite, the Western or Eastern European Jew and the Israeli.

The musical arrangement for this service was written by Cantor Raymond Smolover and his son David of White Plains, New York. The choir, highlighted by the spectacularly rich and vibrant voice of Monica Goldberg, did justice to the zesty and yet at times solemn tone of Smolover's compositions.

The choir was backed up by an instrumental ensemble including electric guitars, drums, piano, flute and trumpet, all instruments never associated with the synagogue.

Especially delightful was the usually tranquil song L'cha Dodi, livened up by the drums and guitars and the rocking spirit of the music. Mee Chamocho, Yism'chu and Adon Olam were equally moving. The group also performed Jacques Brel's famous song, If We Only Had Love, and an original and inspiring piece by Marcie Merel, wife of the cantor, and Bona Shur called An Answer. This song was the high point of the service in a purely artistic sense. Monica Goldberg gave it a dynamic delivery that in itself was religious.

Old and young were moved by the service, agreeing that this new mood in worship is what is needed today to bring back religion to our modern and technical world. It is especially important because in relating to modern times the youth can find a medium for identifying with the synagogue and hence finding a road to rediscovering God.

Forman takes Israeli position

Rabbi Emanuel Forman of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, Toronto, has accepted the principalship of the new Kfar Saba campus of Midrashat Noam, Israel's largest religious secondary school system.

Rabbi Forman, who came to the pulpit of Shaarei Shomayim in 1967, addressed his congregation at last Saturday's morning service and explained his decision to resign and go to Israel.

Rabbi Forman, married and the father of three children, graduated from Yeshiva University in 1955 with a master's degree in mathematics, and from Brandeis University in 1962 with a degree in Jewish philosophy. He was director of youth activities and founder of the Young Israel of Spring Valley and later served as spiritual leader of the Young Israel Synagogue of Brookline, Mass.

Historian explains church's view

By CAROL KOTLARSKY

OTTAWA -

The topic for the second of the 5 Great Men talks at the Jewish Community Centre sounded heavy: The Church and the Jews, the Ecumenical Council, Vatican II, and Its Meaning in Jewish History.

But biblical scholar, theologian, historian, archeologist, and author Dr. David Neiman has a justly-deserved reputation as a gifted popularizer of scholarly subjects. He speaks from personal experience when he talks about the closer relations between Jews and the Church. In 1971 he was the first Jewish professor to teach at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome - considered the most distinguished Catholic university in the world. This appointment to teach Jewish theology followed his appointment in 1966 to Boston College, a Jesuit college in Boston where he is the first Jewish scholar to teach theology.

Pointing out that Jewish-Catholic dialogue in America did not really begin until after the 1967 war in Israel, Dr. Neiman notes several factors that explain the development of this dialogue. The disappointment of Jews over the silence of Christians during the June war was primarily against the Protestants, with whom they had had extensive interfaith dialogue and action.

The problem of Israel doesn't trouble Catholics as much, he says. The Vatican Council Constitution on the Jews shows that the Church has re-emphasized its positive attitude. In Vatican II documents, it is stated that God has not rejected the Jews.

The question of Jews and the Holy Land is perplexing historically and theologically for Christians, Dr. Neiman notes. "Chris-

tians have felt that Jews have lost their political power and sovereignty as a punishment for rejecting Christ, but the burden is very great on the Protestants, and not so bad on the Catholics."

This is because Catholics are traditional - "they have a long tradition of canon law and interpretation." The Church, as a very powerful institution, "can face problems and find new meanings for them."

According to Dr. Neiman, Catholic theologians look at Jewish control of Israel as a historical reality, although they see it as temporary in the sense of eternity. "This

does not necessarily negate the Christian notion that Jews have lost power."

The Church did not "forgive" the Jews. Dr. Neiman points out that Vatican II said any accusation against the Jews is and always was wrong. "If you are theologically honest to Christian doctrine, you cannot tolerate annihilation of the Jews."

Dr. Neiman feels that Jews should not ask for dialogue, but should not refuse to take part in it if requested. However, "they should walk out if they see there is no dialogue." He also emphasizes that there are no common theological problems. "We talk in different worlds."

Mrs. Comay

Noted author UJA speaker

Mrs. Michael Comay will be the featured speaker at the United Jewish Appeal Women's Division UJA Day on Thurs., Feb. 17 at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

A noted lecturer and author, Mrs. Comay is a recognized expert on Israel and Judaism. Her latest book, *Who's Who in the Old Testament*, has just been published in London.

She was a resident of Canada from 1953-56, during which time her husband served as Israel's first ambassador to this country. The Comays now live in London, where Mr. Comay represents Israel at the Court of St. James.

The morning session, which begins at 10, will highlight a panel discussion on the topic *Any Woman Can - Face the Problems of Our Times*. Participating are Bernard Berger, associate director, Jewish Vocational Service; Miss Fern Small, second year Arts and Science honor student; Dr. Sydney Wax, senior attending physician, Baycrest Geriatric Centre; and Gordon Wolfe, supervisor of youth services, Jewish Family and Child Service. Moderator will be Dr. Leo Davids, assistant professor of Sociology, York University.



Mrs. Michael Comay

UJWF appoints 1972 chairmen

Committee chairmen of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto for 1972, have been announced by President Harry L. Wolfson.

The following have been appointed: Herbert H. Solway, Board of Jewish Education; Henry G. Goodman, Social Planning committee; Barrie D. Rose, Community Services Function; Jack Shindman and Julius Wiener, Building Repairs and House committee; Eric Exton, Budget & Finance and Insurance committees; Dr. Albert Einstein and Morrey Solway, Leadership Development Council.

J.C. Oelbaum heads the Pension Fund committee; Kurt Rothschild, Central Fund for Traditional Institutions; Harry L. Wolfson, Personnel & Administration; Morris B. Kaufman, Bequest & Endowment Fund; Dr. Arnold A. Epstein, committee on Capital Needs & Authorization of Campaigns; Jack M. Rose, Campaign Planning committee; and Gordon Marantz, Youth Services committee.

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Healthy, active Tommy, five, loves rough and tumble play

The Canadian Jewish News will regularly run Helen Allen's *Today's Child* column. These children are available for adoption by Jewish parents.

By HELEN ALLEN

Here is Tony, an appealing five year old of English and Italian descent. Tony is a slight, solidly built boy with lovely dark blue eyes, brown hair and fair skin. He is healthy and active, loves rough and tumble play and is a good traveller.

There is some urgency about finding adopting parents for Tony very soon. A change in his foster family is making it necessary for Tony to leave that home within a few weeks and the Children's Aid Society hopes he will have only one move - to a permanent home with a mother and father of his own.

Tony is a lovable youngster with a delightful personality. He is shy at first, but soon makes friends and is very affectionate. He enjoys music and likes to beat time with a drum or tambourine. He is fond of books and television, especially *Sesame Street* and *Galloping Gourmet*. He likes playing outdoors - loves the water and plays happily with his tricycle or scooter.

This lad is not expected to be academically minded and he has been slow



today's child

in speech. However, he is progressing with speech therapy, which will likely be needed for another year.

Tony needs an affectionate, active family who will want to help him with his speech difficulties. Is there a family with those qualities needing a dear little son? To inquire about adopting Tony, please write soon to *Today's Child*, Box 888, Station K, Toronto.

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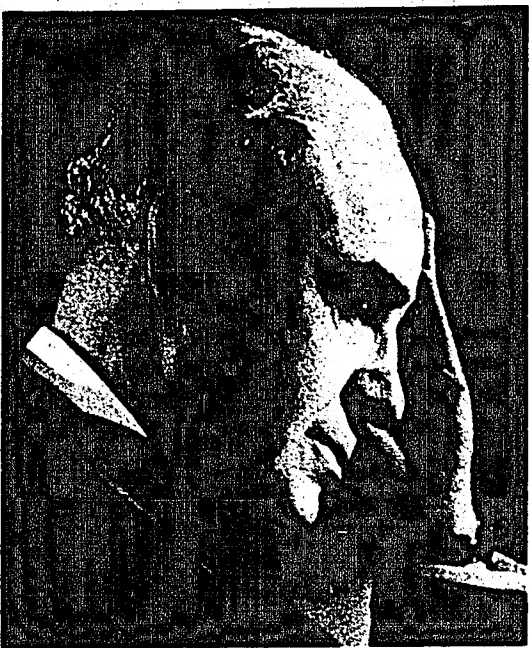
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Organizations and People

what's new...

by Miriam Herman



Rabbi Harry J. Stern

INSTITUTE ON JUDAISM

Montreal Temple Emanu-el's 31st Institute on Judaism for clergymen and religious leaders is being held on Mon. Feb. 7. Participating in the day-long program with the Temple's rabbis Harry J. Stern and Bernard Bloomstone will be guest lecturers Joseph Gutmann, professor of art history at Wayne University, Detroit; Jean Martucci, professor of theology, University of Montreal; Msgr. John M. Oesterreicher, director, Institute of Judaean-Christian studies, Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey; and George Galavarris, professor of art history, McGill University.

SOVIET JEWRY NIGHT

On Sunday night at 8:15, Beth Tikvah Synagogue will hold a Soviet Jewry Night. Judy Shier, Beth Tzedec high school student, will discuss her recent trip to Russia and the film Let My People Go will be shown. There will also be readings of letters from Russia and tapes of telephone conversations with Russian Jews.

WINNIPEG CONGREGATIONS BUY BONDS

Two Winnipeg congregations, Shaarey Zedek and Rosh Pina, have purchased \$2 million in State of Israel Bonds. Each congregation signed up for \$1 million of the special Development Investment Issue bonds available to community institutions, banks and pension funds.

TAY-SACHS SCIENTIST TO SPEAK

Pride of Israel Synagogue announces that on Fri., Feb. 4 at 8:30 p.m., Dr. J. A. Lowden, associate scientist at the Hospital for Sick Children, will be the guest speaker at the Oneg Shabbat. Dr. Lowden is head of Toronto's blood testing program for the detection of Tay-Sachs disease.

YIDDISH CULTURE LECTURE

The Yiddish Culture Council of Toronto will have as its guest speaker on Sun., Jan. 31, Dr. Judd L. Teller, author of *Strangers and Natives* and *Scapegoat of the Revolution*.

Dr. Teller will speak in Yiddish on *The Levantine and American Influences in Jewish Life in Israel*. The lecture will take place at the Workmen's Circle Centre on Lawrence Ave. W. at 8:30 p.m.

JEWISH STUDENT FEDERATION RETREAT

The Jewish Student Federation is holding a province-wide weekend retreat at the Sheraton-Brock Hotel, Niagara Falls, on Feb. 11-13. Professional resource people and well known speakers will lead discussions on such topics as: kibbutz as a lifestyle; Martin Buber's philosophy; effects of the Holocaust; and views of Israeli and North American Jewish societies.

CONCERT OF SCHOOL CHOIRS

About 400 students are expected to take part in the annual Festival of Jewish Music to be held at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Sun. Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. The choir of nine schools will feature selections from the liturgy to songs of modern Israel. The Festival is co-sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education and Canadian Jewish Congress. There is no admission charge.

FASHION SHOW

The Beth Jacob Women's League is busy planning a fashion show, featuring Mary Lou MacDonald, for Mon., Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. The show, for the benefit of Beth Jacob High School for Girls, will take place at the school on Lawrence Ave. W.



Rabbi Jordan Pearlson

UJA-ISF SYNAGOGUE FORTNIGHT

The Synagogue Council of the 1972 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund is launching its campaign on Monday evening, Jan. 31 at the Zionist Centre. Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, chairman of the Synagogue Council, has announced that the annual UJA-ISF Synagogue Fortnight will be held from Feb. 17 to March 4. Rabbis of the community are requested to dedicate either or both of their sermons, on Feb. 14 and March 4 to the theme of the 1972 campaign - Give to Live.

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Mrs. J. A. Lyone Heppner

Mrs. J. A. Lyone Heppner is the newly elected president of the 27,000 member Women's Federation, Allied Community Services of Montreal. Mrs. Alan H. Finestone is the outgoing president.



Rabbi David Monson

Rabbi David Monson of Beth Shalom Syna-

gogue headed a delegation of Canadians and Americans participating in academic exercises honoring Israel President Zalman Shazar. The Jewish Teachers Seminary and Herzliya, the only Yiddish-Hebrew Teacher training seminary in North America, conferred a doctorate on President Shazar in Jerusalem on Jan. 27. Rabbi Monson officiated at the ceremony in his capacity as chairman of the National Board for Jewish Teachers Seminary and Herzliya.

Beatrice Finkelstein, director of Women's Communal Services, Council of Jewish Federations of New York, will be in Toronto from Jan. 31 to Feb. 3. A veteran in Jewish community work, she will be conducting 10 worker-training sessions for the United Jewish Appeal's Women's Division.

Harry Zekelman of Windsor is one of a group of Jewish leaders from around the world attending a three day economic conference in Israel. Chairman of Windsor's Israel Bond drive, he is founder and president of the Hebrew Academy of Windsor.

On the evening of Jan. 20, Arpad and Sarah Grosz dedicated a Sefer Torah written in memory of their daughter Alice. The traditional march started from their home on Hillhurst Blvd. and continued to Torah Emeth Synagogue where the inscription of letters and presentation took place.

Arnold Finkler has been elected national president of the Kupat Ramban Colel Polen for Canada.

Chairman of the Women's Division of Montreal's 1972 Combined Jewish Appeal and Israel Emergency Fund is Mrs. Harvey Sigman. She succeeds Mrs. Bernard M. Bloomfield as chairman.

Absorption of Soviet Jewry dominant theme of World Zionist Congress

JERUSALEM -

The dominant theme of many of the addresses heard at the 28th World Zionist Congress here was the increasing flow of Soviet Jewry to Israel and the steps that must be taken to absorb them into the new life.

"Are we ready to receive them?" President Shazar asked his audience. "Have we prepared enough houses for them? Have we been able to ensure them adequate employment? Are we ready in spirit for a proper spiritual and social absorption?"

These questions posed by Israel's president are being studied by the country's leaders. Other speakers referred to the necessity of exerting maximum effort to ensure that the unexpectedly large flow of Soviet Jewry is handled with compassionate understanding, with compassionate understanding.

"We must receive them as they are, and receive them with love and with great mercy," President Shazar said.

Zionist executive chairman Arie Pincus urged a continuance of the pressure on the Soviet Union "until the day comes that Soviet Jews are permitted to emigrate in dignity and decency without fear of consequences on the morrow."

Without referring to former Zionist president Dr. Nahum Goldmann by name, Pincus attached Dr. Goldmann's view that the struggle should be waged equally on behalf of Russian Jewry's civil rights. (The congress subsequently withdrew the invitation to Dr. Goldmann to deliver a keynote address.)

"No ivory tower, armchair, so-called long-term philosophy, divorced from immediate reality, should deter us from our path as chosen by Soviet Jews themselves," Pincus declared.

The major weapon in the fight for Jewish survival in the free world is Jewish education, he told his listeners. He saw the main task of Zionism as preservation of the Jewish communities' Jewishness, to arm them against the inroads of assimilation which he said was eroding total Jewish communities and to protect them against anti-Semitism.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, veteran American Zionist leader, called on Zionists to fight the legend that the Jews were responsible for uprooting a whole people - the Palestinians.

Prof. Abraham Joshua Heschel, of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, said there must be a synthesis of the moral and ethical teachings of the faith and its legal aspects.

The Zionist movement should divorce itself

U.S. approves planes for Israel

WASHINGTON (JCNS) -

Israel will be receiving 40 Phantoms and 80 Skyhawk supersonic aircraft in 1972, according to a report in Time magazine. The report is not denied here.

Negotiations on delivery dates, payment and specifications began when Ambassador Itzhak Rabin and Joseph Sisco, the assistant secretary of state, met for lunch.

The bargaining is likely to take many weeks. It appears that the U.S. is not trying to impose conditions linking its positive decision on aircraft sales to elements in Israel's negotiating position either in the talks under Gunnar Jarring, the UN special envoy to the Middle East, or under Sisco.

A basic decision on supplying more Phantoms was never in serious doubt. What was left undecided was the timing of such a move. Mrs. Golda Meir's visit was apparently a decisive factor, but defeat of America's ally Pakistan has also, it is thought, contributed to advancing the date of resuming aircraft shipments to Israel.

Three main items were featured recently in Arab newspapers a dispatch from Jerusalem says. They were: President Sadat's year of decision; the establishment of the Federation of Arab Republics (Egypt, Syria and Libya); and Washington's commitment in principle to renew Phantom jet supplies to Israel.

The decision has been taken, but the political efforts will continue, the Cairo news-

paper Al Ahram wrote, citing Sadat himself, and the Egyptian chief of staff promised: "1971 was the year of decision and 1972 will be the year of victory."

But a close reading of the Egyptian press does not give the impression that Egypt is about to invest the declarations of Sadat with reality. Mohammed Hassanein Heikal, its editor, continues to provide his readers with a weekly forecast in which his assessments waver between war and no war. The inside pages of the paper, however, are full of stories about civilians which do not testify to a high state of readiness in the Egyptian hinterland. Dr. Abdel Hatem Kader, the Egyptian minister of information announced last week that the government had lifted its ban on imports of books and papers dealing with the subject of Israel and Zionism.

A Chronicle dispatch from London says 1,100 tanks are assembled between Damascus and Syria's border with Israel on the Golan Heights. A further 2,000 Egyptian tanks are in position in an 18 mile zone behind the Suez Canal and Jordanian artillery is now back covering the Jordan and Bet Shean Valleys.

This was the military picture publicly revealed for the first time when Gen. Motta Gur, head of Israel's Northern Command, addressed a conference of Joint Palestine Appeal keyworkers.

from the Jewish religion. Prof. Albert Memmi of the Sorbonne told the congress. He is the author of several books on Jewish liberation.

"The Jewish national movement cannot be ruled by bodies and values which belong to a world which is no more," he declared. "Religion has protected Jewry throughout the centuries, but it is now undeniable that there are millions of Jews who consider themselves Jews but do not want religious solutions to their daily problems. What would orthodox Jewry do to those who have intermarried and to their children - excommunicate them?"

Rabbi Meir Kahane, chairman of the Jewish Defence League, was not allowed to address the congress and departed peacefully, saying

he would appeal to the congress court and might call a "congress of my own." Earlier, he issued a lengthy statement, "written at a time when I do not know whether I will be permitted to address the World Zionist Congress..." In this statement he predicted that the most critical issue of the next decade will be "the physical survival of the largest community of Jews in the world, the Jews of the United States."

Chairman Pincus said Rabbi Kahane had failed to participate in delegate elections and to appeal to the congress court before the congress opened. If he were allowed to speak the democratic structure of this and future congresses would be endangered, Pincus asserted.

Canadian ministers visit Israel

JERUSALEM -

In the past two months, four Canadian cabinet ministers, a provincial premier and several high ranking civil servants from Ottawa have spent periods varying from a few days to two weeks visiting Israel.

These were non-political visits and only one, that of Trade Minister Jean-Luc Pepin, could be described as official in nature. After conferring with Prime Minister Golda Meir, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and Moshe Zabar, governor of the Bank of Israel, he announced that \$100 million in long term credits would be made available to Israel.

Labor Minister Bryce Mackasey headed the Canadian delegation to the fourth International Congress on Labor Relations and he took the opportunity to speak to his counter-

part in the Israeli Cabinet and to other officials involved with labor matters.

Agriculture Minister H. A. Olson, who had attended the United Nations Food and Agriculture gathering at Rome, spent five days touring Israel, studying the country's unique agricultural technology.

Finance Minister Edgar Benson spent a week in Israel, and while it was billed as a private visit, he met with the Prime Minister, members of the cabinet, and senior officials of the finance department.

The visit of Premier Ed Schreyer of Manitoba was as a guest of the foreign ministry. Like the other visitors from Canada, he was interested in seeing something of the dynamism of Israel. Government officials were keenly interested in meeting a socialist government leader from a Canadian province.

Prediction of trouble accurate (Cont'd from Page 1)

Nachum Goldmann, former President of the WZO, from the congress program, would also be on hand, carrying placards reading "If Goldmann is not a Zionist, neither are we!"

All of Huberman's predictions came to pass during the week. In addition, a group of Hebrew University students, under the banner of the Radical Students' Alliance, were dispersed by police as they sought to mount their own demonstration. They were intercepted as they left the university gates.

lice attack on both the Panthers and students. Only The Jerusalem Post carried a full description of the events and sent reporters to the press conference called by the students late that night. Interesting was the attitude of the Israeli public: from cab driver to Knesset member, to university teacher to newspaper columnist, Israelis tended to praise police for their prompt, efficient dispersal of the Panthers. Their attitude was "they had it coming!"

Here and there, Israeli intellectuals such as Dan Leon, product of a Shomer Ha'atzir kibbutz and author of a recognized sociological work on the role of the kibbutz in the Israeli life, deplored the police behavior. Leon regretted that there was no civil rights movement in Israel; that the concept of absolute rights of citizens was too abstract for a pragmatic pioneer State. One Hebrew University student, Glen Yeager, originally from Shreveport, La., suggested that the Israeli attitude to internal dissent was a reflection of their retaliatory international policy.

"Just as Israel will retaliate strongly and quickly to any attack by terrorists from

across the border, so they retaliate against the Panthers for daring to demonstrate," Yeager said. "Their purpose is not riot control, but retaliation."

JERUSALEM (JTA) -

Eleven representatives of the youth divisions of Labor Parties around the world met at their request with Police Minister Shlomo Hillel and voiced indignation at police dispersal of the demonstrations here on the eve of the World Zionist Congress.

Hillel replied that the demonstrations were unlawful and that his men had not acted in response to the particular views espoused by the protestors - members of Israel's Black Panthers, the Jewish Defence League and SIACH, a new left group, who unsuccessfully sought to address the Congress. Hillel rejected charges that the police used excessive force in dispersing the demonstrators, and emphasized that his men's duty was to protect those attending the sessions.

The demonstrators had declared openly that they intended to use violence, and some of them had firecrackers, Hillel contended, and the police were duty-bound to arrest rioters and those suspected of violence.

The minister pointed out that when it was learned that two of those arrested were young congress delegates who were apparently unaware of the nature of the demonstration, they were immediately released. He himself, he said, had expressed his regrets to one of them for the injuries he had received during the dispersal. (The Magistrate Court ordered that 24 of the youths arrested would remain in custody for a week while the police completed their investigation of the incident.)

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Newsman covering Zionist Congress shocked by Israeli police tactics

On the evening of Jan. 18, representatives of the world Jewish press, arriving to begin their coverage of the World Zionist Congress, were dismayed and deeply troubled by the excessive use of force used by the Israeli police in dispersing a demonstration by the "Pantherim" (the Israeli Black Panthers).

Earlier in the evening, police had met a group of Hebrew University students associated with the Radical Student Alliance as they left the campus. Here again, students were beaten, leaders carted off in paddy wagons and the group dispersed far away from the site of the congress.

Reporters, representing various newspapers and agencies, who claimed to have been witnesses to some of the most violent of U.S. civilian riots, claimed that the Israeli police acted with the same brutality and lack of concern for personal rights that they had witnessed elsewhere.

Surprisingly, many Israelis, people of goodwill and intelligence failed to be shocked by these events. Instead, they tried to find excuses for the police. "They must have had some information that made it necessary!" they said. "You probably only saw the small group that was visible, you were not aware of the thousands who were probably lurking in the wings waiting to take advantage of any disorder."

These same people, when pressed, admitted that they were just theorizing, but added, "Wouldn't it be logical? Otherwise why would the police behave this way?"

Some suggested that the Pantherim would certainly have been permitted to demonstrate peacefully, if only they had applied for a licence.

The point is that they did apply but the

police refused demonstration licences to both the Black Panthers and the Young Couples Housing Association (which seeks easier access to housing for newlyweds). However, the police did issue a permit to the House Owners Association to permit them to protest against the low rents which they are paid under the existing Rent Act.

Israel's press, with the notable exception of The Jerusalem Post, took for granted that the demonstrations, so severely dealt with, were Matzpen-inspired and therefore, essentially anti-Zionist. However, the Hebrew University students, Siach, and the Black Panthers are all Zionist in their convictions, unlike Matzpen.

Indeed, it was precisely because of their belief that a Zionist State could not tolerate discrimination and economic inequality that compelled them to demonstrate.

There is an old sociological adage that says that a society has at most one generation to integrate the immigrant, the racially different or the impoverished into its mainstream. If it fails to do so, such minority groups are driven into delinquency or rebellion. Such social disillusionment is not cured by police truncheons. Good citizens are rarely created by police charges.

When history is written, perhaps the impressive ceremonial, the array of world Jewish leadership, and the oratory inside the Palace of Nations on the opening night of the 28th World Zionist Congress will weigh more heavily than the puny demonstration, so readily crushed on the outside.

But what if it is not? What if the truly remembered event was the arrest of 34 young people who wanted to voice an unpopular concern in a state representing a people who were once deemed not to have any rights?

Report on North African Jewry challenge to Montreal community

The Montreal study on immigrant integration is an important step in the direction of correcting some of the abuses expressed by our co-religionists. The report is a frank and perceptive look at the feelings and aspirations of 12,000 North African Jews who make their home in Montreal.

The grievances reported must be dealt with in earnest - for they concern fundamental issues. One is unemployment and the downward change in jobs, a problem that can be alleviated by retraining programs coordinated by the Jewish vocational agencies and government. Integration, without the cultural assimilation that follows, can be achieved if business owners are willing to provide on-the-job training. It is, indeed, a community affair.

One complaint, all too often recorded, is that French immigrants feel rejected because they cannot communicate with agency personnel in their preliminary contacts. This situation is alarming, for if Sephardis are un-

able to communicate in what are usually distress situations, then negative attitudes are inevitable. Francophone personnel must be recruited, and steps must be taken to insure that workers in primary-contact positions are bilingual.

French-speaking Jews have been too often described as the buffer between English-speaking Jews and the Quebecois. Yet the study indicates that the Sephardi Jews are neither accepted by both, or involved in one. It is an unwise role to ascribe to a group of people, for the Francophones, in truth, form a distinct community with unique religious and cultural practices.

The committee's recommendations will be released at the end of the month. If they are not received with close scrutiny, and if concrete plans are not developed to ameliorate our problems, then the Sephardi Jews will, in the words of Max Kaufman, Q.C., chairman of the study, "write us off as a loss."

Life of Bedouins transformed

By MOSHE RON
CJN Correspondent

JERUSALEM -

Israel has made a revolution in the life of Bedouin tribes. These tribes live in the surroundings of Beersheba and after the Six Day War they spread into the Sinai Desert, where they live in the same manner as thousands of years ago. For many of them, modern times of 'Phantoms', Apollos and rockets have no effect at all and they continue to live in their tents and use the same means of communication as generations did before them - namely, the camel.

A few years ago, the Israeli authorities succeeded in persuading some Bedouin tribes to move into houses in cities for part of the year. It was a revolution. Some of them left their tents and moved into special buildings erected for them near the town of Ramle. These Bedouin have become accustomed to their new living conditions. They use modern furniture, radio, television, electricity and running water.

Another Bedouin quarter was built in the Lower Galilee. The Bedouin living near Beersheba were also intrigued by modern life. They started building private and modern flats and the sons of the sheikhs acquired

luxurious cars. Some Bedouin families left their tribes and moved into the big cities of the country. One such group of families lives in Holon, near Tel Aviv. This group builds its own houses. Their children are accepted into Hebrew schools and get assimilated quickly, and mix with Jewish children. Some Bedouin children are brought by their parents to school in private cars.

In the Sinai Desert, the Israeli army established a special Camel Unit composed of Bedouin and Jewish soldiers. The Bedouin volunteered for this service, which is also a revolution. They serve together with Jewish soldiers from Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa and other areas, among them students who have also volunteered for service in this special mixed unit. Instead of being a member of the tank corps, or a fighter pilot, they prefer to ride on camels in the Sinai Desert day and night. The Jewish soldiers are dressed like Bedouin. There is a difference between them and the Bedouin who were brought up, since childhood, to ride on camels. Jewish soldiers have to undergo considerable training and suffer a great deal until they get accustomed to the tempers of the camel, and riding on it.



The igloos that are going up at Sharm el Sheikh at the southern tip of the Sinai peninsula may be reminiscent of the Arctic, but in fact they are desert hotel rooms. The rooms will meet the needs of the thousands of Israeli and overseas tourists who have been coming to this area since a new road linking the Israeli Red Sea Port of Eilat with Sharm was opened.

Bangla Dosh recognition will be of benefit to Israel

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM -

Israel will probably be among the first of the non-Communist nations to recognize Bangla Dosh, both out of sympathy for the Bengalis and in the hope that early recognition will gain friends for Israel in both Bangla Dosh and India.

Spokesmen for Bangla Dosh in London have promised that they will not forget the help they received from Jews in Israel and elsewhere. Moreover, there are reports that India - angered by Arab support for Pakistan - will adopt a more friendly attitude towards Israel and even agree to full diplomatic relations and the exchange of ambassadors between the two countries.

Israel certainly has nothing to lose by striving for friendship with the Indians and Bengalis. Pakistan has always been 100% hostile, and there is no reason to believe that her attitude will change.

The question that most interests Israelis, however, is how the events in the Indian sub-continent will influence the Middle East conflict. In particular, they wonder how it will affect the policies of the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

Opinions could hardly be more divided: Some people believe that the Russians, flushed with victory, will now try to achieve for their Arab clients what they have achieved for their Indian clients. Other observers are convinced that Russia will be anxious to avoid adventures in the Middle East in view of her increased involvement in the Far East.

The same lack of unanimity exists in re-

gard to forecasting U.S. moves. Jerusalem pessimists predict that America's loss of face in India, coming on top of the Vietnam debacle, will further reduce U.S. willingness to undertake overseas commitments and to support her clients, among them Israel. Local optimists, on the other hand, are certain that America - anxious to prevent another Russian victory - will now do everything in her power to help Israel, initially by supplying her with Phantoms and other vital military hardware.

In any case, one thing is clear to everyone here, and should be clear to the entire world: The U.N. is helpless and U.N. guarantees are worthless; God, as usual, is helping those who help themselves. Israelis are therefore united in the view that their pre-1967 boundaries are unacceptable, no matter what threats or promises emanate from the East River wind-tunnel.

Israeli newspaper reports on the conflict between India and Pakistan, like reports on everything else, emphasized the Jewish angle. Mrs. Gandhi undoubtedly has thousands of senior officers in her military forces, but we read almost exclusively about the four Jews among them. One of these Jews, Admiral Samson (who was in charge of the naval blockade), has a son studying architecture at the Haifa Technion. Another, Major General J.F.K. Jacob (Chief of Staff of the Indian Eastern Front and the man who flew to Dacca to arrange for the surrender of the Pakistani), has no sons in Israel as he is a bachelor. However, according to what we were told, he is a proud Jew and an admirer of Moshe Dayan.

No wonder the Indians won!

Students back terrorists, also want peace

By AMOS BEN VERED

Seventy percent of the students at three universities in the Lebanon support the hostile activities against Israel by the Palestine terrorists, but the same percentage also believe in a peaceful solution of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

This contradiction is puzzling even to the source which published the figures. In this context the source is most reliable: it is the weekly of the extreme left-wing Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine led by Dr. George Habbash. The paper is called Al Hadaf and is published in Beirut. It reports the findings in its issue of Nov. 6 on the basis of a research carried out by Dr. Khalim Barakat, lecturer in Social Sciences at the American University in Beirut.

Al Hadaf does not state if only a sample of the students had been polled or the entire student body. However, it does not question the scientific significance of the poll nor the credibility of the results. The research included 100 questions on the social, religious and political views of the students. The universities in the Lebanon are attended by students from many Arab states. The aim of the questions was, according to the weekly: to investigate the extent of the students' support, or non-support, of fedayeen (terrorist) activity; to find out what, in the students' opinion, is the preferable solution to the Palestine problem - armed conflict or a solution of peace through diplomacy; to investigate the social factors and conditions influencing the findings with regard to the two earlier paragraphs.

The significance of the results (rounded out to the nearest percent) is that in each of the three universities about 70% of those polled expressed varying degrees of support for terrorist activity, while the remainder objected to it. However, on the other hand, at two out of the same three universities more than 70% supported a solution of peace and "other solutions" (as opposed to "armed conflict"), and at the Lebanese University 60% expressed support for a solution of peace. At the third institution, the American

University - in which the percentage of non-Lebanese students is highest - 65% supported such solutions.

The results show that a considerable part of those students who supported hostile terrorist activity prefer, at the same time, a solution of peace or other solutions - but not armed conflict - of the Arab-Israeli dispute. This contradiction, according to the original summary of the researcher, may be explained by the fact that for these students support of hostile terrorist activity denotes paying

ask the rabbi

Hebrew always official language of Jewish prayer

1. Why are Jewish prayers still recited in Hebrew?

RESPONSE:

While it is generally agreed that man can appeal to the Almighty in any language, Hebrew has always been the official language of Jewish prayer. Maimonides, in his Laws of Prayer, explains this feature by explaining that the insistence of praying in Hebrew has acted as a unifying agent which synchronizes the expressions of Jews the world over. Maimonides explains that when the rabbis observed that the Jews were being dispersed and that many forms of expressions and many different languages were prevalent, they were convinced of the need for a certain amount of consistency and therefore composed the basic prayers of the Jewish people in a clear lucid style. Jewish prayer is an experience in which the Jew feels at one with his people and with his history behind him and his future ahead of him. One of the foremost vehicles used in accomplishing this unity in society and in time is the use of the Hebrew language.

2. Why do some Jews rise on their toes when reciting the "Kedusha" (i.e., the selected passages which sanctify the Almighty)?

RESPONSE:

It is claimed by the rabbis in the Midrash (Tanchuma) that Jews emulate the angels when they sanctify the Almighty. In this action, man "rises" to the level of the angels and hence, some rise on their toes. In a sense, this experience elevates man himself to spiritual heights. After all, the Almighty does not need man's expressions to sanctify Him. The recitation of the Kedusha simply is an instrument to benefit man by impressing him with the idea that man is capable of rising to the heights of sanctity.

3. Is it forbidden in Jewish law for a man to marry a woman who has the same first name as his mother? Can it bring bad luck?

RESPONSE:

There is a widespread superstition to this effect dating from the Middle Ages and still followed by some Jews. But it is only a superstition and Orthodox rabbinic teachers have been prepared to disregard it if, for example, the young man was a scholar and the girl the daughter of a scholar. It is hard to see how one who believes in God can believe, at the same time, in bad, or for that matter good luck.

Movement restrictions on Jews imposed in Syrian village

By a Special Correspondent

In the Syrian village of Kamishlie, which is situated close to the Turkish border, there live 350 Jews. Within the village there is a specific "pale of settlement" within which they may move during the day, and at sunset they are forbidden to go beyond the Jewish suburb without a special permit from the authorities. Under no circumstances are they allowed to leave the village. In exceptional circumstances a Jew has been permitted to travel to Haleb or Damascus for specific purposes, but such permission takes as much as one month to obtain.

Their economic situation is very bad. Six Jewish families have shops where they sell groceries and clothing - and their economic situation is satisfactory. The remainder have difficulty in earning a living as laborers, servants or peddlers. They are not allowed to join unions of workers, they are discriminated against in their wages and are dismissed without compensation. The local villagers are disinclined to employ them or to buy from them. They keep body and soul together by the slender support which they receive from abroad. Most of the Jews live in sub-standard housing and there are many

cases of whole families living in one room. Their economic plight prevents them from providing proper education to the children and most of the adult members of the community are uneducated. There are no Jewish schools and the children study in government primary schools. Only six Jewish children are studying in pre-secondary schools and there is not a single Jewish pupil in a secondary school, mainly because their parents cannot afford this.

There is one synagogue in Kamishlie. Part of the building - a hall and four rooms - have been taken over by the Syrian army.

Representatives of the authorities and Moslem elements in the population ill-treat the Jews and the latter have no recourse or possibility of safe-guarding their rights.

Members of the military intelligence enter the Jewish shops, take goods without paying for them, knowing full well that the owners will not dare to complain.

The economic difficulties, continuous persecution and unabated tension have resulted in numerous cases of nervous illnesses among the Jews. According to one estimate 90% of the Jewish community suffer from such illnesses and are permanently under treatment and drugs for them.

Opinion

Ancient Jerusalem flourishing with religious freedom for all

By W. GUNTHER PLAUT

The recent appearance of Dr. Franklin Littell on a recent CBC program (where he effectively confronted Dr. A.C. Forrest) gives me an occasion to call your attention to the newsletter published by this knowledgeable and dedicated scholar. The organization he heads is called Christians Concerned for Israel and the monthly newsletter bears the title CCI Notebook. The January issue carries amongst other things an article by Alice L. Eckhardt, co-author of *Encounter with Israel*. To give you a flavor of her writing and the CCI Notebook I reprint below excerpts from her article which is entitled *Jerusalem, O Jerusalem*:

The weeping and hand-wringing anxiety over Jerusalem that some Christian spokesmen have been engaging in publicly in the last several months is a matter for serious concern. Not only is the picture they draw of the supposed 'plight' of the city's non-Jewish population false, but it exacerbates existing animosities, encourages anti-Jewish and anti-Israel sentiments, and further undercuts creative relationships and dialogue between Christians and Jews.

"Christian institutions are flourishing; the government is helping finance extensive and much needed repairs to old structures; new churches and seminaries are being built; Christian schools are completely free from any teaching restrictions. All of this is the reverse of the situation under Jordan.

"Why then should so many Christians

be disturbed by the fact that Israel is administering the entire city? Why in fact do some call for a redivision of the city between Jordan and Israel? A Christian sociologist has commented: Although we were willing to accept Muslim control of Jerusalem ever since the Crusades, we are somehow uneasy about the return of the Holy City to Jewish power. There is something very subtle here which has not yet become clear in the minds of many Christians. The Swiss Protestant pastor Claude Dauverny claims that when Christian theologians and writers come up with the refrain of 'Christian Holy Places in Jewish hands', they betray their own subtle spiritual contamination by traditional anti-Semitism.

"We must carefully ponder the conclusion that Henry Siegman has reached: 'The real problem for Christians who find Israeli control of Jerusalem so painful and offensive is a theological problem: that of Jewish sovereignty over the very place which in their eyes has always symbolized the end of Judaism and its supersession by the new dispensation.'

If you are interested in subscribing to CCI Notebook you may do so by sending \$10 to Suite 114E, 1200 Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. 19122. The sponsoring organization, in stating its purpose, makes the unabashed claim to be working in an area which is a matter of salvation itself, on a set of problems which Christendom has mismanaged both theologically and practically for centuries.



The Church of Nativity in Jerusalem.

Conversion program criticized

Dear Editor:

I read the article on conversion by Ben Gallob in *The Canadian Jewish News* (Jan. 7) with disturbed reactions. Some may hail the proposal of Dr. W. Gunther Plaut as a victory for, or a concession to, the Orthodox point of view. After all, a leading Reform Jewish minister is suggesting that prospective converts go through Mikvah as part of the conversion ceremony. What Dr. Plaut failed to include are the fundamental requirements for conversion, namely - a total commitment to Jewish law and observances as a prerequisite for conversion.

Let me clarify the latter. The laws of conversion derive from the Talmud and from the Codes of Law which are based on the Talmud. If one were to examine the Talmudic passages dealing with conversion, as well as the Codes of Law (Rambam, Tur, Beth Joseph, Yoreh Deiah, to mention a few), he would find that before any conversion ceremony takes place, the convert is apprised of a substantial amount of basic Jewish laws.

These laws are not those universal, moral and ethical ones which every person ought to observe regardless of his faith; the laws he must be apprised of are those dealing with daily Jewish observances. Let me cite an example - a prospective convert must be told, quite specifically, by the Jewish tribunal that performs the conversion: "Before you have reached this stage of conversion you were permitted to eat non-kosher food and desecrate the Sabbath; after you embrace Judaism, if you eat 'Chelev' or desecrate the Sabbath you will have committed very grave sins, tantamount to capital crimes." The prospective convert is then asked to re-examine his decision. When he has pledged his commitment to the laws of the Torah, fully understanding what that commitment is, he can proceed with immersion. Even at the time when he is undergoing immersion, it is incumbent upon the Beth Din (the Jewish tribunal) to confront him, once again, with the stringency of Jewish law, thereby giving him an opportunity to change his mind. If the

members of the Beth Din are doubtful that the prospective convert is sincere in his pledge to observe the Jewish laws, then conversion cannot take place.

Taking all this into consideration, does it not sound ludicrous for Reform clergymen, who do not espouse and uphold Kashrut and Shabbat observances, to propose immersion to fulfill the legal requirements on the Judaic Code on immersion?

Rabbi Nathan Kops
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Dear Editor:

Initially I shall begin by saying our child is attending the Associated Hebrew day school for the 10th year, so the cost of Jewish education has been "felt" at home. And our mortgage confirms it!

But, as Mr. Carr suggested, to put a levy on bar mitzvahs, weddings and funerals - that I could never condone. If the middle-or-less income man wants to make a simcha for \$5,000 and the wealthy man decides he only wants to give an egg kichel and wine for \$500, who will make what levy? Who is to decide who pays what? And as has been the tendency of late, for a number of people to take the child and/or family to Israel for the bar mitzvah, how are they going to be levied?

Please, Mr. Carr, you must look for other ways. I personally think how much a family wants to spend on a simcha is strictly their own business (and maybe their banker's) but certainly, not that of the community.

And to levy a tax on funerals! OI vay! Mr. Benson has already taken care of that aspect. How could a nice Jewish boy even think like that?

Mrs. S. Budin
Toronto

Uncle Eliezer versus the "slackers"

By J.B. SALSBERG

Uncle Eliezer, as all his friends know, is a very mild and inoffensive man. He likes to give the next man the benefit of the doubt. He also loves to repeat the old adage about not judging another until you are in his place.

But now, he told me, he is out for blood. He wants an all-out war on, what he calls, the slackers in our communities who evade their responsibilities towards Jewish needs in Israel, and at home by not giving, or not giving enough, to the UJA campaign. He wants an expose and he wants to name names.

Of course, uncle Eliezer wants me to do all that. "I'm only an ordinary citizen," he argued, "but if you won't do it then who will?" This is my uncle's subtle way of putting me on the spot. The implication being that I have gone soft and am not living up to my old reputation.

Well, after much talk and even more tea drinking (with lemon, of course) we agreed not to become personal and not to shame anyone in print but to limit ourselves to the presentation of certain shocking types of which we have altogether too many in our midst.

But both of us wish to make it clear that in our eyes a person who can only afford to give \$10 and he gives it is as good and as much deserving of praise as one who can afford \$10,000 and gives that amount. Our quarrel is with those who fail to contribute what they are capable of giving or who evade giving altogether.

So, here goes our joint selection, uncle Eliezer's and mine, of the types that we have in mind.

The split personalities - Their hearts

throb with Israel. They experience agonizing pain when Israel is threatened with war. They literally shed tears when news of the loss of life, caused by Arab terrorists, reaches them. In critical situations they are glued to the radios for the latest news from Israel. But when the appeals for funds are made to enable the Israeli people to protect and defend themselves, then these same people are conspicuously out of sight.

(Says uncle Eliezer: "If you cry, then give, and if you don't give, then stop crying, for goodness sake.")

In this category is also the type who suffers with and for the Russian Jews. He protests and even marches in parades. He also shouts that "the Jewish leaders don't do enough to save the Soviet Jews." But he is blissfully indifferent to the fact that a Soviet visa costs \$1,000 and that it takes \$35,000 to adjust a Soviet Jewish family after they reach Israel.

(Says uncle Eliezer: "Do such characters think that that kind of money grows on trees?")

The people who don't give because... There are types who don't give because they don't like giving. But what of the types who refuse to give because they disagree with specific policies of the Israeli government, or with local personalities or institutions?

We know some who refuse to contribute because they are critical of certain aspects of Israel's foreign policy; or because the rabbinate in Israel has too much power; or that the rabbinate hasn't got enough authority etc. etc.

(Says uncle Eliezer: "Are such characters trying to starve Israel or local institutions into submission to their special mishugas?")

The pledgers who forget or want settlements - The characters fitting into this category are unhappy contradictions that evoke both pity and anger. They are the South Pacific Kiwi bird; they want to fly but have no wings...

One must, of course, exclude from this group the well-meaning people who pledge in good faith but are unable to meet their obligations because of unforeseen reverses. The ones we are dealing with are more than able to discharge their undertakings but fail to do it.

This latter type reacts wonderfully to the appeals. Their hearts, when left to themselves, respond as hearts should. Their sentiments and commitments are also in order. But they also seem to be cursed with built-in, negativistic calculators that paralyze their hands when pledges plead for fulfillment.

They halt, procrastinate, postpone, delay, evade, retreat, and finally develop resentment at those who prick their conscience. They hate paying - just as simple as that. But, since their hearts are in the right place, as we have said, they make new pledges while the old ones haven't been paid! Finally they resort to a dubious business practice - they offer to make a settlement. They like a good deal...

(Says uncle Eliezer: "I don't agree that such characters need psychiatric treatment. I'm old fashioned and I believe that they should be treated with old fashioned remedies like...")

Uncle Eliezer halted and then added: "Let's not spell it all out yet. Let's worry them for a while." In the meantime we shall be glad to hear from our readers. Any special remedies you wish to suggest?

The real Jewish community of Acapulco

By LINDA SHAPIRO

When I first arrived in Acapulco, I was convinced that it had to be the permanent winter residence for all of Hadassah, B'nai B'rith and all those unfortunate souls who couldn't get reservations in Miami. Everybody in the hotel, on the beach, in the restaurants, in the markets seemed to possess that certain unmistakable "cultured" chutzpah.

In the newly built Plaza International Hotel, the elevators which are not yet completely automated, and therefore stop at every floor are called the "shabbat elevators". In the markets, the little Mexican boys who speak only the universal language of "give me pesos" kept screaming, "Hey, lady, you want buy my hazara?" Where was I? New York, Israel or Acapulco? So, I decided that either I'd better buy a new Rand McNally or get some information on the "real" Jewish community in Acapulco.

Well, by methods too devious to describe, I discovered that the woman who operated the Pharmacy Shop in the Plaza Hotel was Jewish. Her name is Mrs. Sol, she speaks French, English and Spanish and has that warm, robust quality that you would expect to find in any Mexican bube. She is a widow and has been living in Acapulco for 37 years, "since the first day after I got married in Mexico City." One married son lives in Acapulco and owns the Pharmacy Shop as well as other businesses. One single daughter lives in Mexico City and is an accomplished artist who is studying in Paris on scholarship.

There are only three resident Jewish families in Acapulco," she told me. "Two of these three families are Mexican and one is Arab. Even though we are only three, we aren't very close at all... we're all so busy with our own families and businesses and things. Of course, many Jews own homes, properties, businesses and hotels here, but they live in Mexico City and only come to Acapulco for a holiday or for business.

"In Mexico City, there is a very large and

closely knit Jewish community with many social clubs and beautiful synagogues. All the Ashkenazi Jews still speak Yiddish and teach it to their children. But I don't mind being such a minority. There is no anti-Semitism here at all. About three years ago, there was a lot of Arab inspired anti-Semitism in Mexico City and swastikas were painted on tombstones and synagogues, but the Jewish community there is very strong and they soon finished it all off.

"There is no synagogue or rabbi in Acapulco and so for Rosh Hoshana, Yom Kippur and weddings, bar mitzvahs and brises, we all have to go to Mexico City," Mrs. Sol continued. "And for Passover, we have to import matzahs, too. Of course, there is no Jewish cemetery here either, and everybody

must be buried in Mexico City. There is a kosher restaurant, but I don't believe that it can be strictly kosher. Actually, I think it's just for the Jewish tourists. There are so many Jewish people down here between January and May, rich ones, too, but after May, the poorer ones come down. They're much quieter."

And later that evening, I was at the Roof Garden on the top of the Plaza Hotel. When the Mexican singer asked for requests from the audience, a gentleman at the other table screamed, "Will you sing My Yiddish Mamma?" The Mexican singer smiled, looked through his book of most requested songs, and started to sing My Yiddish Mamma - in English. Small world! I didn't know that Mrs. Portnoy was in Acapulco, too!



A view of an Acapulco, Mexico, beach.

Urges standards for bar mitzvahs

By RABBI BEN HOLLANDER

As a Jewish educator, I am particularly interested in Don Carr's suggestion for applying an educational tax to the bar mitzvah celebration, but I would like to broaden this concern. May I urge that Carr (or his successor) call a special conference for the purpose of arriving at communal standards for the bar (and bat) mitzvah. Student and parent representatives of the next bar mitzvah class of every Jewish school, high school student and parent representatives who have recently experienced the bar mitzvah, as well as rabbis, educators, and communal leaders should come together to evaluate the present situation and propose remedies.

Aspects of the bar mitzvah that should be considered include educational requirements. Besides a required course of study, should standardized examinations be instituted? Should a major individual learning project be expected? Can we institute a community-wide mitzvah curriculum? Can we set stan-

dards for future study and mitzvah commitments? Should there be a requirement of parent study? Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg and others have suggested the bar mitzvah at an older age when more meaningful learning has occurred and a more mature commitment can be made.

What should constitute the bar mitzvah? For example, is reading a part of the haftarah sufficiently challenging and meaningful? What should constitute the bat mitzvah and does it correspond with the role of the adult woman in the congregation and in modern Jewish life? What standards of modesty in celebration should be promulgated?

As for the tax Carr has suggested, who should be taxed, the boy, the parents, the guests or the caterer? And how much? Can special bar mitzvah Israel bonds in smaller denominations be made available to enable their use as gifts? Can an Israel fund be set up from gifts from which the bar mitzvah boy can draw upon for a study trip to Israel and from which he can begin to assume adult responsibilities by selecting a

project in Jewish education here or in Israel to help fund? Can the community provide a study trip to Israel for those young adults who can't afford it?

Questions such as these should be discussed and guidelines for the community proposed.

The all-too-frequent meaningless clichés and wasteful excesses of bar mitzvah offend the idealism and sensibilities of our best young people. Indeed, I suspect they offend most of us. However, the individual often feels helpless to change the vicious circle of expectations. Can the child disappoint the parents? The parents the child? And what will the neighbors say? The relatives? The friends? But if we have democratically arrived at community standards I think we will be inspired to live up to them and to sanctify our ceremonies with mitzvah.

A more sensitive and meaningful approach to celebrating the bar mitzvah is an idea - indeed, a moral urgency - whose time has come. If not now (after all the publicity!), when?

Features

Looking ahead

A prayer-peace march of three major faiths

By DR. STUART E. ROSENBERG

I was in Jerusalem at the time, but it's a safe bet that this past New Year's Day, most Canadian Jews, Christians, and Muslims ushered in 1972 as usual - with mindless bacchanalian rites and semi-pagan libations, "ringing out the old by toasting the new." And what is more: most of these were doubtlessly undertaken separately, in their home-grown ghettos or in their private, carefully-sentient social clubs.

But in Jerusalem - of all places - in what is supposed to be a militant, strife-torn, divided community - sardonically labelled even by some allegedly faithful clerics as the living symbol, "The Unholy Land" - I spent a good part of that Jewish Sabbath Day - Saturday, January 1st - walking the streets of Jerusalem in a cold, freezing rain, together with almost 300 Christians, Muslims and Jews. Our purpose and goal: A prayer-peace march of the three faiths, with joint services at the city's three holiest shrines: the Jews' Western, or Wailing Wall; the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Calvary, for Christians); and at Al Aqsa, the great silver-domed Moslem mosque. Women joined the men, and all of us carried the same symbol: an olive branch sprig, universal sign of faithful hope for peace on earth.

Prayers for peace were first offered up at the Great Mosque led by the Mukhtar of Abu Ghosh, Subbi Mahmoud Abdul Aziz and Sheikh Aziz Saleh of the same Jerusalem corridor Arab village. As in Orthodox synagogues, and later at the Western Wall, the women worshippers were seated separately in the women's section of the Mosque in the western aisle. Five times a day, every day of the year, services are offered up in Al Aqsa. None of us, attending this special worship, was left unaware that on the Mosque's important south wall are two very special niches, used for worship, the first dedicated to Moses the Jewish prophet, or Musa; the second to Issa, or Jesus. And one window in particular, a remarkably beautiful rose-stained glass, was built by the Crusaders: an interesting and living reminder that the wounds of the past can be transcended and forgotten. In 1099, the Knights Templar, had conquered Jerusalem and Christian Crusaders had transformed Al Aqsa into a church. On New Year's Day, 1972, all of the ancient acrimony was forgotten as Jews, Muslims and Christians joined together in prayers for mutual growth and peace.

From the Mosque, with its unusual history and charm, we marched silently to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where special ecumenical Christian prayers were led by Father Virgil Pixner, an Austrian-born American Roman Catholic priest, a member of Neve Shalom centre - an institute in Jerusalem working for inter-faith un-

derstanding among all of the country's religious groups.

Leaving the Church, we marched off to the Western Wall. Our approach seemed at first to unnervingly some of the older Jewish worshippers. We must surely have looked like a motley group to them: perhaps fearsome, too: Muslims, wearing long flowing "kefiya" head-dress; and white-collared and splendidly robed Christian clergy with their gleaming crosses and crucifixes, moving toward the wall together with dozens of Jews, revealed as such by their strangely long woolen prayer shawls draped about their outer garments.

Indeed, no one in Jerusalem could remember this to have ever happened before. Nobody could bring to mind a time when three services, Muslim, Christian, and Jewish - were sweetly and spiritually performed jointly by persons of such strong and politically-sharpened differences.

As a matter of fact, this strange and largely unreported phenomenon is part of other pieces of growing hopes for an accommodation. It was their spiritual newness that had transformed New Year's Day 1972 in Jerusalem, into a symbol of what may be lying ahead - even in the very next 12 months. After all, despite the scary headlines, the noisy political twaddle from all sides, almost half of the visitors to Israel today are not Jews: in 1971, 43% were Christian tourists organized by church groups in North America, Italy, France, Latin America, as well as Japan, the Philippines, India, Australia, New Zealand, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria and South Africa.

But what did not make the press at all, because of Israel's desire to maintain "quiet diplomacy" in this area, were the 110,000 Muslim Arabs who arrived as visitors to Israel in 1971, even from the warring neighboring states as Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq - not to mention Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. Most came to visit relatives this past summer; a small, but growing number have actually remained. The program began noisily in 1968, when General Dayan proclaimed it publicly; it boomeranged because of the excessive publicity. By later playing it down, Israel has succeeded in attracting increasing numbers every year. One result: of Haifa University's 5,000 students, over 600 are Arabs, some of whom have moved in from the occupied territories; others have even come from more distant Arab places.

There happens to be more inter-human, inter-group co-operation between Arabs and Israelis than the daily headlines reflect. And walking that wet, dreary New Year's Day in Jerusalem there was an inner glow inside us all, for we were hopefully aware of what great possibilities there really are for an accommodation; slowly, at first, but perhaps sooner than we think.

Boston rabbi loses sympathy for 'acid culture'

By JUDY PLATT

A youthful Boston rabbi told a Hillel-sponsored lecture meeting that there was a time when he had sympathies with the acid culture, "but I saw it corrupted and am wary now."

Rabbi Arthur Green, one of the heroes of the emerging Jewish counter-culture and a founding member of Havurat Shalom, talked on the Possibilities of Mysticism in a Post-Theistic Age.

"It's frightening that reactions parallel - though not the same - to mysticism can be created chemically through psychedelics," Rabbi Green told his young audience.

"There's a great deal of popular interest in mysticism these days," the rabbi said. "I'm excited about it, but also frightened. Mysticism talks about devotional experience. Pop or pot mysticism is an ego trip; it's a subtle kind of acquisitiveness."

In analyzing the modern crisis of faith, Rabbi Green, who teaches religion at Smith College, said that it developed when Western man confused the reality of God with the images man uses. "We grew up in our Hebrew Schools with the father and king images

which just don't work today. An awful lot of 'religious failure' has to do with the failure of the father image which psychologically we have to rebel against."

Rabbi Green is now at work translating Hasidic texts about prayer - which he hopes

will help lead people in the "post-theistic age" back to God. "A few years ago I believed in the need for new symbols, new holidays, new forms. But I now believe that the old language because of its antiquity can speak to us more powerfully," he said.

Toronto press "sympathetic" to Jewish problems

The Toronto daily press is generally sympathetic to Jews and Jewish problems, concluded two distinguished panelists at a recent Canadian Jewish Congress Central Region discussion.

Dr. Arnold Ages, a professor of French at Waterloo University and a long-time observer of the press, and Dr. Burnett Thall, a vice president of The Toronto Daily Star, also agreed there were times when Toronto Jews did get a "bad press," although they attributed this more to accident than to design.

The panelists had been invited to speak on the topic Jewish Concerns and the Toronto Press.

Dr. Ages told his audience: "While it is possible to suggest that some writers or edi-

torials are, or have been, anti-Semitic, it is not fair to generalize and say that any Toronto newspaper is overtly or even covertly anti-Semitic."

Dr. Thall noted that Jews are generally more sensitive to the daily press than other ethnic groups, partly because of their long history of persecution, and partly because of their strong sense of community, a factor lacking in most other ethnic groups.

He also said that The Star pays very close attention to the ethnic press in Toronto. Questioned as to whether The Canadian Jewish News is also read, Thall, a Jew, said that he couldn't speak for the rest of The Star management, but that he personally read it every week.

Aaron Engel, 100, says: "I hope to live more."

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -

The true chroniclers of modern history are rarely historians. The real historians are those who lived our times - who watched the steam locomotives grow into the turbo-thrust rail jets, or saw the headline shrink from the ankle to the thigh.

One person who has lived such a life is Aaron Engel, now a resident of the Maimonides Hospital and Home for the Aged, who caps 99 years of life with his centennial birthday this month.

Aaron's birthplace, in 1872, was Austria, in a period when the industrial revolution altered the face of Europe, and the First World War was just across the horizon.

"I never drove a car," he said, clenching a fist that in earlier days was formidable in might.

"But when I was a boy in Europe, I drove a horse and wagon."

His father was a farmer, "with 12 cattle, two horses, and a big piece of ground." They raised cows for milk, and the family would sell the produce at the local market.

Although a farmer, his father didn't neglect the youngster's Jewish education - providing him and his brother with a teacher who emphasized "the gemorrah and the big books" with raps of a cane. Aaron Engel still attends the synagogue chapel every morning and Saturdays.

"I pray for everyone," he says, with a glint in his eyes.

"The other people, they know I go each morning so they call me when they don't go, and they say I should pray instead of them."

Later, his Jewish education paid off. When he was in the army he was assigned duties with a doctor because his handwriting was outstanding.

At the turn of the century, Aaron married his wife Anna, who died in 1963.

"I had a good wife," he says wistfully, "she made me not to worry... I never worried but for her. With a needle and cotton she would fix a shirt, or she would go to the butcher and know how much to spend... or if somebody had a silk coat, my wife, she would never say she must have one too."

Aaron has been aloof from his remaining friends since his wife died, and besides, said



Aaron Engel of Montreal celebrates his centennial birthday this month.

a social worker, his hardness of hearing makes him shy.

In 1906, Aaron and his wife immigrated to Canada, where he found a job as boilermaker in the Angus Shops of the CPR - and remained an employee for 32 years.

"Once a month was payday," he explained, "and we worked 10 hours a day, six days a week - including Saturdays."

"I'm a Jew, I told the boss, but he told me if I no come Saturday, I no come Monday."

And the pay?

"About \$29 a month... but then bread was 5c and a pound of meat was 6c."

By the time the Second World War was

distributing its agony, Aaron, 70 years old, having already spent two years in retirement.

Within a few days of 100 - no one knows the exact date - he says, "I hope to live more."

Pasted across his mirror is a collage of family photographs. One is a family portrait showing 26 members, including his two children - four generations of his life line. Perched in the middle of his bureau is a fading photograph of Aaron and Anna - a photograph that he cherishes.

"I am a good man," he whispers gently, "and I had a good wife."

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Crisis erupts in Israel over rabbinate

JERUSALEM (JCN) -

Attempts are being made to prevent a dramatic clash between the State and the rabbinate which threatens to divide not only Israelis but the Jewish people throughout the Diaspora.

At its heart is the question of whether Israel's rabbinate and the courts it administers derive their authority from the Torah or from powers invested in them by a sovereign State.

The crisis has been blown up following the Supreme Rabbinical Court's ruling that the Beth Din has the power and right to call the welfare minister, Michael Hazani, before it and to explain his actions - as an observant Jew - to state where he stands on the question of National Service for religious girls.

Attorney General Meir Shamgar - with the backing of Prime Minister Golda Meir, challenges this right and has obtained an order from Supreme Court Judge Haim Cohn calling on the Supreme Rabbinical Court to explain by March 11 the grounds for its decision. Meanwhile, Judge Cohn has issued an injunction at Shamgar's request restraining

the Beth Din from proceeding further with its efforts to have Hazani appear before it. Should the dayanim disobey this Supreme Court injunction, they risk contempt proceedings, which carry an imprisonment penalty if resisted.

Shamgar's case, as presented to Judge Cohn, argues that both as minister and Knesset member, Hazani is not subject to the authority of rabbinical courts as far as his political responsibilities are concerned, and that to order him to appear before the Beth Din contravenes his immunity as a Knesset member. The rabbinate's attitude is simply that every observant Jew is bound to accept Halacha-based decisions, that its authority derives from the Torah and that the State merely provides the means for enforcing its decisions.

As the dimensions of the clash have become apparent to both sides, and to visiting rabbis now in Israel for different conferences, efforts are being made to find a face-saving formula for both camps, so far without success.

The dayanim stiffened by their traditional

fear of right-wing accusations that they are unable to guard the Halacha, are preparing a case based on reasoning that the Torah and State recognition give them all the authority they need in Hazani's case, while the Attorney General and government see the independence of ministers and Knesset members as being limited by the rabbinate.

Neither side really wants to do battle now when there are so many other pressing issues, external and internal - nor can either be sure of victory should Israel's independent-minded Supreme Court come to grips with the issue.

Russian's appeal is turned down by Soviet court

NEW YORK (JTA) -

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry has learned that the Supreme Court of the Russian Republic (RSFSR) has turned down the appeal of Boris Azernikov and upheld his 3 1/2 year prison sentence.

Azernikov, a 25-year-old Jewish dentist, was tried and convicted for alleged "anti-Soviet" activity and sentenced to a strict regime prison camp.

His conviction was based on allegedly "incriminating" documents found in a search of his apartment: a book of poems by the Hebrew poet, Chaim Nahman Bialik, a Hebrew calendar and a copy of a letter protesting the denial of visas to Soviet Jews.

Dr. Azernikov had testified on behalf of Jews in the Leningrad trials, but was not arrested until he applied for emigration himself last June. The Conference stated that the Soviet authorities are making an example of Azernikov in order to discourage exit applications by other Jews.

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Canadian plays fall short on Centre stage

By JENIVA BERGER

A lot of noise has been made lately in the bafeul search for the authentic Canadian playwright. Pause here for a moment of pity, and try to imagine what it's like for the hunted.

After witnessing the disastrous reception to John Palmer's *Memories for my Brother, Part II*, at the St. Lawrence Centre, it seems painfully apparent that the Canadian playwright does far more penance for his mistakes when they're presented at an 800 seat legitimate tax-supported theatre than in a converted church hall. On the surface, the retribution seems justified: professional prices (although the St. Lawrence ticket prices are quite modest) and audiences, schooled to expect something in return for their money, react with chagrin and resentment when the play falls dead short of their expectations.

We tend to excuse the underground theatres for their failures since their productions are less-pretentious to begin with; we do not, however, as easily forgive the St. Lawrence Centre, and therein lies the crux of the matter.

That *Memories for my Brother* is or is not a bad play is really beside the point. John Palmer, the writer, who does have talent and ability, obviously thought his play worthy of the vociferous championing it took to get it accorded the same full and equal rights given to other non-Canadian plays on the Centre's agenda. Director Henry Tarvainen had faith in the play, and we must assume that the artistic staff of the theatre which chose his play to be one of two representing Canadian content in their line-up for the year, did, too.

People have been questioning me all week as to why I thought this particular play was chosen above other Canadian plays, unless there were simply not many others of quality around. I responded that there were certainly many, many others around. Currently, Mr. Pickwick is playing to good houses at TWP. Jack Winter did that fine adaptation. On the heels of David Freeman's successful *Creeps*, Tarragon Theatre is presenting *Cabbagetown*.

'The Last Picture Show' is gripping and sensitive

By GARY LAFORET

The *Last Picture Show*, opening Feb. 4 at The Odeon York 1, is a gripping and sensitive study of growing up in a small town that has seen better days.

Using black and white film because he felt color "would make everything look too pretty", director Peter Bogdanovich gives the viewer his impressions of a typical Texas town in the year 1951.

High school sports, country and western music, patriotism and pickup trucks abound, and Bogdanovich makes it plain that Anarene, Texas is a very typical "motherhood and apple pie" place. However, the "apple pie" has the hard crust of reality and there is little of the nostalgia of films such as *The Summer of '42* in this picture.

Timothy Bottoms, who suffers more believably than any other living actor, turns in an exceptional performance as Sonny Crawford, the high school senior who is a failure as an athlete but more successful at sleeping with his basketball coach's wife.

Jeff Bridges and Sam Bottoms are also more than convincing in their respective roles as Sonny's best friend, Duane Jackson, and the mentally retarded Billy. However, Cybill Shepherd, a well known fashion model who plays the local sex-goddess, gives the impression that she's still modelling clothes. Anarene's theatre, once the entertainment centre of the town, loses money due to the advent of television and is finally faced with closing down.

The night before Duane leaves for the battlefields of Korea, Sonny and he decide to go to the theatre's "last picture show," *Red River*, a John Wayne western of the era when rural Texas was still adventurous and exciting.

Produced by Stephen J. Friedman, the most striking feature of *The Last Picture Show* is its authenticity. Bogdanovich and designer Polly Platt spent seven months at such things as finding a 1951 Ford convertible in mint condition in order to make Anarene look the way it did in 1951.

Unfortunately 1951 was also a big year for country and western music in Anarene, and - for the sake of authenticity - the viewer is subjected to a continuous barrage of songs from such uninspired bands as Bob Willis and His Texas Playboys blaring forth from home and car radios in the film.

Alternately sad and hilarious, *The Last Picture Show* is a thoroughly enjoyable slice of the past that should be seen by anyone who has spent any time in a small town anywhere.

Plays, a delicate and finely etched trio of one-act plays by newcomer David Tipton; Factory Theatre Lab is doing an earlier and more definitive Palmer play, *A Touch of God* in the Golden Age; U.C. Playhouse has just finished the trilogy *The True North Blue* print by Louis Capson, demonstrating some really fine ensemble work; and Charles Manson at Theatre Passe Muraille racked up favorable reviews from local critics.

The list is virtually endless. Canadian playwrights are in abundance and their plays keep pouring out. But a producer must choose as best he can the particular play that best suits the theatre, its physical make-up and its audience.

The St. Lawrence Centre, after all is said and done, is still only a community theatre, albeit larger, better funded, and better equipped than most. The difference between it and

say Halifax's Neptune Theatre, lies in the community it represents. A bigger, more complex urban community, Toronto's theatre public, as has been demonstrated time and time again, cannot be categorized easily and neither can their tastes. Professional regional theatres occupy isolated positions of prestige, but the St. Lawrence Centre perches precariously in between the many small professional and semi-professional theatres in town which can afford to do Canadian plays exclusively and top ticket houses which cannot do any at all. Still, we have burdened the Centre with providing the best of both worlds; commercial and experimental, appealing to the large cross section of the ticket buying public at the same time it must appease the more sophisticated and discriminating theatre-goer.

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